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To: Field Office Managers, Center Managers, and Fire Management Officers

From: State Director

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding for Fire and Fuels Management Activities in Colorado

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) forwards a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Colorado. It implements Service First authorities in all Fire and Fuels Management programs between the two agencies.

Background: The BLM and Forest Service Fire Management organizations in Colorado have worked closely together. Some of the Unit Fire organizations have had agreements between the two agencies, but there have been inconsistencies and redundancies in management and oversight. Some of the issues include questions about supervision of employees across agencies, duplications of contracting and purchasing, and problems with the interagency radio systems.

Policy/Action: Activities provided within Service First authorities have been used in a MOU in order to reduce confusion and improve interagency cooperation and coordination. The attached MOU provides direction and requires that Annual Operating Plans (AOPs) be developed to respond to items found within the MOU. Fire Management Units will need to complete the AOPs annually, and will include provisions for Delegations of Authority from Field Office Managers and Forest Supervisors to Fire Management Officers.

Signed by
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1-Attachment
1-Memorandum of Understanding (5pp)